

Table F-1. Median salary of full-time employed 1995 and 1996 bachelor's degree recipients, by sex, race/ethnicity, and major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-96 S&E bachelor's degree	Total	Sex		Race/ethnicity			
		Male	Female	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian or Pacific Islander
All science and engineering fields.....	\$27,500	\$30,500	\$24,000	\$27,000	\$25,700	\$25,000	\$33,000
Major type							
Total science.....	25,000	27,800	23,000	25,000	24,000	24,000	28,800
Total engineering.....	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	37,000	36,000	40,000
Major field							
Computer and information sciences.....	38,000	38,000	36,400	38,000	35,000	34,000	40,000
Life and related sciences, total.....	23,500	25,000	22,000	23,000	22,900	25,000	25,000
Agricultural and food sciences.....	23,500	24,600	23,000	23,000	S	S	S
Biological sciences.....	23,000	25,000	22,000	23,000	22,900	24,600	25,000
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	25,000	26,000	23,000	25,000	S	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	28,000	30,000	28,000	28,000	30,000	S	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	27,000	29,000	23,000	27,000	23,000	22,000	27,700
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	27,000	30,000	23,000	27,000	22,800	S	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	25,000	26,000	22,000	25,000	S	S	S
Physics and astronomy.....	31,200	32,000	28,000	30,000	S	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	22,000	22,500	22,000	22,000	23,000	23,000	S
Social and related sciences, total.....	25,000	27,000	24,000	25,000	23,000	25,000	28,000
Economics.....	30,000	31,000	29,000	30,000	25,000	28,000	39,300
Political science and related sciences.....	26,000	27,500	25,000	26,000	24,000	27,000	26,000
Sociology and anthropology.....	21,500	24,000	21,000	21,000	21,500	22,000	S
Other social sciences.....	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	24,000	25,100	S
Engineering, total.....	38,000	38,000	38,000	38,000	37,000	36,000	40,000
Aerospace and related engineering.....	35,500	35,000	37,000	36,000	S	35,000	S
Chemical engineering.....	42,000	42,000	41,000	42,000	40,900	37,500	43,000
Civil and architectural engineering.....	32,000	32,000	33,000	33,000	31,000	30,000	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	35,200	41,000	42,000
Industrial engineering.....	37,000	37,000	37,200	37,000	37,500	35,000	S
Mechanical engineering.....	39,000	38,500	39,000	39,000	38,000	36,000	40,000
Other engineering.....	35,700	36,000	35,000	35,000	S	35,000	40,000

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTE: Salary data for the following groups are not included in the table: self-employed persons, full-time students, and people whose principal job was less than 35 hours per week. Salary data are for principal job only.
Data on American Indians/Alaskan Natives are included in the total, but are not shown separately due to insufficient sample size.

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